Evening M.S. in Accountancy Program

Benedictine University’s evening M.S. in Accountancy program is designed for working adults who have a business-related undergraduate degree but limited coursework or experience in accounting. Evening classes are ideal for those who seek flexibility in their course schedules and plan to register as a part-time student. Students usually complete one or two courses per 10-week quarter. Classes are conducted one evening per week, per class on the main campus in Lisle. The M.S. in Accountancy program may accept graduate coursework completed at another institution. An additional 16 quarter credit hours may be waived for prior undergraduate coursework taken within the last seven years, pending department chair approval.* This means that you may potentially complete your degree in as little as one year.

4+1 M.S. in Accountancy Program

The 4+1 M.S. in Accountancy program is developed specifically for recent college graduates who have completed their undergraduate degree in accounting or finance. Qualified students may be eligible to complete the M.S. degree in Accountancy with one additional year of graduate study. Classes are conducted in evenings to meet the needs of students. Admittance to the program is not automatic and an application must be completed during the student’s senior year of undergraduate work.

Dual Degree Programs

The Dual Degree Programs combine the comprehensive accounting core of the M.S. in Accountancy program with the competencies of business management (Master of Business Administration) or information systems (Master of Science in Management Information Systems). Students enrolling in the dual degree program can develop powerful credentials and specialized expertise enabling them to successfully meet the challenges of today’s marketplace. The dual degree program can be completed in 36 months or less. Dual degree programs consist of 96 quarter credit hours for completion. Application and admission is required to each graduate program, and students must complete all requirements for the selected dual degree.

* Combination of graduate credit transfer and undergraduate course waiver cannot exceed 32 quarter credit hours.

Note:
Students planning to sit for a professional examination are responsible for contacting the specific association administering the exam to determine eligibility and exam requirements.
The Master of Science in Accountancy program requires 64 quarter credit hours of graduate coursework. The program consists of four major components:

**Core Accounting Competency**
Five courses focused on U.S. accounting standards:
- MSA 500 Financial Accounting (4)
- MSA 601 Managerial Accounting (4)
- MSA 504 Corporate Accounting Theory and Practice I (4)
- MSA 513 Auditing Theory and Practice (4)
- MSA 515 Advance Accounting (4)

**Advanced Accounting Topics**
Four courses focused on in-depth concepts, theories and issues in accounting:
- MSA 506 Corporate Accounting Theory and Practice II (4)
- MSA 603 Cost Analysis, Profit Planning and Control (4)
- MSA 604 Theory and Practice of Financial Reporting (4)
- MSA 605 Tax Influences on Decision Making (4)

**Managerial Competency**
Four courses focused on management skills and knowledge necessary for students seeking managerial positions in accounting:
- MSA 510 Economics (4)
- MSA 520 Leadership and Business Ethics (4)
- MSA 530 Organizational Behavior (4)
- MBA 633 Legal Issues in the Workplace (4)
  or
- MSA 611 Managerial Economics (4)

**Electives**
Twelve quarter credit hours of electives are required for completion of the degree.
Electives should be chosen to advance individual professional development and career goals.

**Curriculum**

**Concentrations**

**Auditing**
Students must complete three of these courses to qualify for a concentration in Auditing:
- MSA 614 Auditing and Assurance I
- MSA 615 Auditing and Assurance II
- MSA 616 Information System Auditing
- MSA 617 Internal Auditing

**Forensic Accounting**
Students must complete three of these courses to qualify for a concentration in Forensic Accounting:
- MSA 606 Forensic Accounting
- MSA 607 Fraud Examination
- MSA 608 Fraud and the Legal Environment
- MSA 609 Computer Fraud

**Taxation**
Students must complete the following courses:
- MSA 623 Taxation of Corporations and Shareholders
- MSA 624 Federal Tax Research
- MSA 625 Federal Taxation of Partnerships

**Note:**
Those planning to sit for the CPA examination may need to take additional coursework in business law and accounting research.
The individuals listed above have been employed on an as-needed basis to teach courses at Benedictine University (within the last several years). Instructors listed may not currently be employed by Benedictine University. The University is fortunate to be able to provide our students with part-time faculty whose experience, credentials and commitment to education add to the high quality of our resident faculty.